

## TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

The February 13, 2020, Green Team meeting was held at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ.

PRESENT : Robert Jewell, Illena Raffaele, Glenn McGuinness and JoAnn Fascenelli

ABSENT : Dawn Smith, Kathleen Todd and Marissa Ciardi

ALSO PRESENT: Ruth Pante'

**Trex Bench Program:** The Township met the required 500 pounds in a 6-month time frame to qualify for a free Trex bench. The bench will be placed in front of the Municipal Building. It was the consensus of the Green Team members to choose the color of the first bench as Vintage Lantern.

Mrs. Raffaele will advise Trex of our color choice and see when the Township can commence the next 6-month cycle.

Mrs. Fascenelli stated there is also a program available regarding recycling plastic bottle caps for a free bench. She will investigate the program and report at the March Green Team meeting.

**Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event:** Mrs. Fascenelli announced the event is scheduled for October 24, 2020, from 9:00 – noon at the Department of Public Works Garage. Flyer will be posted in the Municipal Building lobby, Township website, and Google Groups.

**Hope Green Fair:** Hope will be hosting their Green Fair on April 4, 2020, 10 am to 2 pm. The Green Team members discussed the possibility of hosting a Mansfield Fair event in 2021. This type of event would be a large undertaking and more volunteers would be needed in order to accomplish it.

**DEP Precautions When Burning Wood:** The Township Committee approved placing the article on the Township website. The Green Team will continue to seek articles for the website and place them under "Keep Your Family Safe Tips".

**Town-Wide Yard Sale:** Mrs. Raffaele stated the Green Team needs to start planning for the annual yard sale. After the 2019 yard sale, it was determined that residents that wish to participate will have to pick up their sign, and when the sale is completed, return the sign to the Municipal Building. Many residents that participated in the 2019 event asked that the dates not be the same as the Town of Hackettstown event. They felt that a majority of people went to Hackettstown and not Mansfield. The Green Team will take that into consideration when establishing dates.

It was also discussed to have a flea market at the Department of Public Works Garage the same time as the yard sale. All were in agreement with this idea. The members felt that a \$5.00 donation per space would help offset the cost. Need to check insurance, rent a Port-A-John, advertise, etc.

**Keep Your Business Growing:** A landscape design contest for the front of the Municipal Building was approved by the Township Committee. The Green Team would seek designs and approximate cost for this project so that funds can be budgeted in the Township's 2021 budget.

**2019 Green Team Accomplishment:** Mrs. Fascenelli will work on listing the 2019 accomplishments.

The next Green Team meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2020, at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli